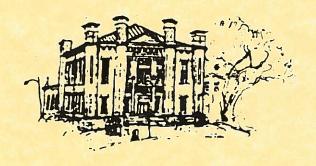
## Proclamation



## CITY OF NORTHAMPTON COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

Bike Commute Day May 15, 2019 Bay State Bike Week May 11-19, 2019

WHEREAS, Bicycling contributes to the health and fitness of residents, provides mobility, does not add to noise or air pollution, and provides an

inexpensive and convenient way to commute; and

WHEREAS, Bicyclists have the same rights and duties as drivers of other vehicles,

including the right to use City streets; and

WHEREAS, Bicyclists must follow the traffic laws as other vehicles, both for their

own safety and for the safety of others; and

WHEREAS, There is much to celebrate in Northampton bicycling including the

launch and almost immediate success of ValleyBike, the new electric, pedal-assist bike share system, and the City's first cycle track along

Pleasant Street; and

WHEREAS, Bicycles are used in a variety of occupations, such as by members of

Northampton's Police Department and by the people who haul trash

and recycling from our downtown; and

NOW,

THEREFORE, I, David J. Narkewicz, do hereby proclaim May 15th, 2019 to be:

## **BIKE COMMUTE DAY**

in the City of Northampton, and encourage all citizens who are able to bicycle to work or school, and to take cognizance of bicyclists in their travels. I urge citizens to consider bicycling as an efficient, planet-friendly, and enjoyable mode of transportation and recreation.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF**, I have set my hand and imprinted the City seal, this 15<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2019.

